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Library Board Meeting

Proposed Minutes

August 8, 2019 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Kelly Farrah, Amanda Hanlin, Daniel Hooper, Beau Perry, Kevin Yezbick. Director Jenny Marr and Recording Secretary Kerrie Patterson also present. Adrienne Fazzolara absent with notice.
3. Approval of agenda:
Motion: Approve the agenda. (Perry/second Hooper); passed unanimously.
4. Cindy Willcock – Ferndale DDA Deputy Director: Cindy thanked the board for the shared tax capture and offered to answer questions and take suggestions for improvements of their mutually beneficial services. A business and customer service training course will be offered in the library on September 30, and will be free for people working in Ferndale. The DDA will be doing some outdoor projects, including library landscaping, which Marr attended a design committee meeting regarding. Public input will be solicited over the winter regarding the 9 Mile streetscape. The DDA also wishes to include the library in its downtown winter lighting this year.
5. Public comment: None.
6. Minutes: Approve July 18, 2019 regular meeting proposed minutes:
Motion: Approve July 18, 2019 regular meeting proposed minutes as presented. (Hanlin/second Yezbick); passed unanimously.
7. Director's report: (See att.) Marr is pleased with program turnout. Digital circulation has increased, and it is suspected that that is due to summer travel.
8. Lynda.com – discussion of upcoming changes: The library started using Lynda just this June and they were recently bought out by LinkedIn. Now the service will require a LinkedIn account in addition to a library card, which could be burdensome to patrons without an account or concerned about privacy online. The company says they won't share any information about patrons to anyone. A positive thing is that active LinkedIn users can optionally add badges showing any completed courses. The library has the option to cancel this service based on this change, or keep it. A decision doesn't need to be made yet, so patron usage will be assessed. It is a good resource of continuing education for the staff.

9. Fines and Fees discussion: Board discussed Marr's proposal to make all children's material fine free. Further discussion and draft bylaw changes will be presented at next month's meeting.

10. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of July:

Motion: Accept the expenditures and finance reports for the month of July. (Yezbick/second Hooper); passed unanimously.

11. Committee reports:

A. Art & Exhibitions: (See att.) Photography contest coming soon. VSN Photo would coordinate everything, but just need the library's space. No dates or details are finalized yet. The library has the right to decline pieces that aren't suitable for a public space. Meanwhile, painters will be painting the community room during the gap in exhibitions. No set date for that yet.

B. Friends of the FPL: Meeting is this upcoming Monday. Pig & Whiskey fundraiser was lower than previous years, mostly due to the weather.

C. Finance: No report.

D. Personnel: No report.

E. Schools: Met with Jordan Wright and Dr. Bazzi. Bazzi is interested in getting library card information into school welcome packets. Literacy Day is scheduled in September. Bazzi will share collected data about academic needs for kids in grades 3 and under and it will influence library programming to increase literacy and help fill said gaps. Wright and another youth services member went to a parent's night recently, using off-site circulation, and it went well. The department now has the ability to create library cards for students at the schools. The committee will try to meet every 2 months.

12. Review action items:

A. Farrah will thank the Pig & Whiskey festival organizers for the opportunity to raise money.

B. Marr will read contracts from Ebsco (regarding the new library website) and review them with the finance committee.

C. Hanlin will follow up with Marr and Wright about parent nights.

13. Announcements/comments from board members:

A. Yezbick offered condolences to the staff and family members of Eve Foley. He's also disappointed in McMillan publishing about their recent changes regarding ebooks. Not sure how it will affect Overdrive yet. ALA and MLA are fighting it. He also attended the last art reception and it was fun and had a high turnout.

14. Adjourn:

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. (Hanlin/second Farrah); passed unanimously.

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